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Carlsbad Community Volunteers • October 2006

SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES

Area code 760 unless otherwise noted.

Fall Festival

What better spot for a Jalapeño chili eating contest than Leo Carrillo Ranch? Volunteer for four-hour shifts on Saturday, November 11 between 8 am and 3 pm at this family-fun festival. You may end up assisting with the chili-eating contest, the chili lunch, the fun zone, set up or clean up. Contact Melissa at mcarr@ci.carlsbad.ca.us or 602-7512.



CityStuff



Volunteers are needed to take students through a six-week curriculum designed to help third graders learn about local government. Volunteers receive a three-hour training in February that prepares you to give six hands-on presentations based on superb materials developed by Junior Achievement and the City of Carlsbad. For more information contact Marilyn at wrte4fn@cox.net or 439-3716.

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Adults Make Youth Basketball Program Possible

Nearly 500 children play on more than 60 basketball teams sponsored by the Carlsbad Recreation Department each year. Every one of those teams needs a coach. Every one of those coaches is a volunteer.

These hardworking parents coach a weekly practice session and Saturday game days throughout the entire 14 week season. A total of 1,950 hours are donated each year. Without volunteer coaches, Carlsbad simply couldn't provide a recreational basketball league for youth from ages 8-14 years old.



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"Sports do not build character – they reveal it." John Wooden

T.R.U.S.T. Triumphs

Headlines about violence between spectators, even parents, at sporting events prompted the City of Carlsbad to take a closer look at how to instill better sportsmanship in parents, youth and adults who participate in our leagues. Recreation staff developed the award-winning T.R.U.S.T Program – Teaching Respect, Unity, and Sportsmanship through Teamwork to meet that need.

This ground breaking sportsmanship program is promoted and enforced at all Carlsbad recreation-related activities. Participants, spectators, neighbors, and staff must adhere to these tenets:

We TRUST that you will maintain a safe and positive environment.

We TRUST that you will treat every individual with courtesy and respect.

We TRUST that you will honor the rules established for each activity.

We TRUST that you will demonstrate fair play and sportsmanship at all times.

The results have been nothing short of phenomenal. In a poll asking residents involved in youth sports, "What are your observations regarding the level of sportsmanship?" responses changed from a positive rating of 11% before the program was begun in 2000 to 95% in 2005.

TRUST has reached 10,000 youth, 23,000 adults, 700 referees, and 860 coaches in Carlsbad since its inception in 2001. With good sportsmanship on the field and on the court, everyone's a winner.

This year, the T.R.U.S.T. program was honored by the League of California Cities with the prestigious Helen Putnam Grand Prize Award for Excellence.



JENNIFER GOWAN

Holiday at the Rancho keeps all hands busy!

SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES

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Art Educator

Educate children as you give them a tour of the Cannon Art Gallery and then lead them in a related hands-on art project. Contact Tonya at trodz@ci.carlsbad.ca.us or 434-2905.

Art Gallery Attendant

Provide information to Cannon Art Gallery visitors and instill an appreciation for all types of art. Contact Beth at bsolo@ci.carlsbad.ca.us or 602-2022.

Grant Researcher

The toughest part of getting grant funding is figuring out who to ask. If you have professional experience on researching the right organizations to fit the need, please contact Sue at sirey@ci.carlsbad.ca.us or 434-2929.

Holiday at the Rancho

Be dazzled by Christmas trees decorated in unique styles, help neighbors decorate cookies, assist with the lighting ceremony or crafts. Bring the holiday spirit home on Saturday, December 9. Volunteer crews will set up from 2-5 pm. Many more volunteers are needed during the event from 4:30-8:30 pm. Contact Rachael at rshay@ci.carlsbad.ca.us or 602-7519.

CARLSBAD NEWS FOR YOU

Holiday at the Schulman

Carlsbad Playreaders present *A 1940s Radio Christmas Carol* by Walt Jones, loosely based on Charles Dickens' classic. It will be presented as a radio drama set in the New York broadcast studios of WOV on a snowy December evening in 1942, performed by a hammy group of radio thespians whose sound effects man has conspired with the actor playing Scrooge to make the story more like *The Shadow* than Dickens. December 4 and 5 at 7:30 pm. Donation of \$5 general, \$1 student accepted at the door. Seating is first-come, first-served. Schulman Auditorium, Carlsbad City Library, 1775 Dove Lane. Call 494-4699 for more information or visit www.carlsbadplayreaders.org.

Holiday at the Rancho

Light up your holiday spirit with an evening visit to Holiday at the Rancho on Saturday, December 9 from 5-8 pm. Held at Leo Carrillo Ranch, there will be a tree lighting ceremony, cookies to decorate and crafts to create.

Sprucing Up

Landscape work continues downtown with the installation of enhanced raised and side panel planter. New concrete planters, trash cans and metal tree grates also will be part of the streetscape improvements.

Police Prizes

The Carlsbad Police Department received numerous awards at the September 14 San Diego County Motor Officer Association competition in which motor officers representing agencies throughout San Diego and Riverside Counties participated. Carlsbad officers captured first and third places in the team competition. Three Carlsbad officers placed first, second and third in the individual competitions.



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